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ARREST OF HENRY BROCK'S TWO DAUGHTERS.

HOUSES ROBBED BY GIRLS.

They Are Accused of Stealing Part of Mrs. Breck Trowbridge's Trousseau-A Trankful of Stolen Goods, Worth \$8,000. Recovered-Is Only the Younger Guilty !

Twenty-four hours of detective work, in which the police, seemingly, had little to do, after all, but keep their eyes open, ended yesterday after-noon in the recovery of \$3,000 worth of dresses and laces stolen from west side houses and the arrest of two daughters of President Henry Brock of Brock's Commercial Agency on a charge of grand larceny. The girls are Georgianna Brock, 21 years old, and her little sister Florence, aged 12. The child confessed her guilt of the charge made against her stealing \$1,040 worth of goods from a no other.

When her elder sister found out what had happened, desiring to save her mother, who is seriously ill, from the shock of such a discovery, she thought she would get the goods out of the house as fast as she could and return them to their owner. She told the child Florence to throw them into her trunk, called an expression, and sent it away. It was natural, her father said, that she should send it to the storage warehouse, because she had been sending other things there recently. He explained in this way, too, the appearance of the different names on the warehouse records. He said that Missi Georgians was engaged to be married, the welding day being already set, to E. W. Robinson, son of a former Minister to Germany. Young Mr. Robinson had been obliged to leave the city very hurriedly to take a piace at Elmira, and as he wanted to close his father's house his fiance naturally added him in packing up the goods, which were shipped to the Columbia storage warehouse. As she attended to the business for him herself she entered the goods in the various names.

When asked how the little girl had come to neighbor's house and her elder sister inculpated herself to the extent of acknowledging that she had assisted in sending the stolen goods from her home to the storage warehouse where they were finally recovered. Her intent had been, she said, to restore them to their owner. Late in the afternoon the sisters were admitted to ball, bonds being signed in the sum

About 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon Mr. Breck P. Trowbridge, an architect, whose office is in the United Charities building, at Tenth avenue and Twenty-second street, went into the West Sixty-eighth street police staticn and said that his house at 331 West Seventy-first -treet had been entered by thieves, who had taken several of his wife's dresses from a clothes press in the fifth story. The gowns stolen were a part of her trousseau, he said, and they had been taken from a closet in the front part of the top story of the house. He thought that entrance to the house had been gained by a rear window

Detective Robert McNaught, Jr., went with Mr. Trowbridge back to his home, and together, they made an examination of the premises. Mr. Trowbridge's house is one of a block of seven, or nore, all alike. In front they are five stories high, but the top story extended only part way back toward Seventy-second street, and the rear rooms of it look out upon the roof of the fourth story, which runs back for some distance further. In each house there are two windows opening upon this roof, which is continuous along the whole of the row, the parti-walls between each two houses being marked at the roof only by a divisional wall rising a foot, or so, above the roof level.

One of the windows of the rear fifth-story room in Mr. Trowbridge's house was open. In front of it was a servant's bed, and on the bedspread was the clearly marked imprint of a woman's shoe. Mr. Trowbridge and McNaught got out upon the fourth-story roof and walked along from house to house, looking into the windows of each. At 339 they saw on a bed, which came up to the window in a way similar to that in Mr. Trowbridge's house, an imprint of a shoe which so closely resembled that on the bed at his house that they believed it to have been made by the same foot. They went back to Mr. Trowbridge's, and hurrying to the street, went along to 339, the house of Mr. Henry Brock, where they told Miss Brock that there had been a burglary in the row, and that the robbers had evidently visited her house, too, for her neighbor and the policeman had, when looking in the rear window

from the roof, seen evidences of their presence. Miss Brock gave them permission to enter the house and make a search. They went at once to the fifth story, and in the back room found some tissue wrapping paper, which later was identified by Mrs. Trowbridge as some she had used to do up her belongings, when she un-packed her trunks on her return from Europe a few months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge vere married on Jan. 16, and went abroad on

their wedding tour.

While the detective was still searching the nom at the back of the house Mr. Trowbridge saw carried out from the front of the house a large trunk, which was placed in wayon 57 of the Westcott Express Company. He told Mc-Naught about it, and they telephoned to the express company a request to have the trunk held until they could make an investigation, as they believed it to contain stolen goods. They were told that the trunk had already probably been delivered. They then asked for the address to which it had been taken, and received a reply that that would not be given to them. Monaght says that he told the man at the telephone who he was and why he wanted the in-

Naught says that he told the man at the telephone who he was and why he wanted the information, but that the man repiled;

"Well, you don't get it. See;"

The Westcott agent rang off just then, but McNaught was not bothered, because, having the humber of the wagon, and Mr. Trowbridge's testimony that the trunk had been delivered to it, he knew that matter could be attended to later on. The two men then made a tour of various houses in Seventy-first and Seventy-second streets, but they could find none who had seen any strange persons leaving either Mr. Trowbridge's house or any other in that row.

It was now evening, and the two men went to the Dakota apartment house to find Mr. Westcott. They were unable to accomplish anything more that high because of the lateness of the hour, but an appointment was made to meet Mr. Westcott at his office at The ociock yesterdey morning. Miss Brock had in the mean time been questioned by McNaught, and he says that she told various stories, and, in fact, made nothing but conflicting statements.

At the appointed time yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge and McNaught went to the Westcott office and told the clerk about the trunk that had been delivered on the night before. They said they believed it contained attengoods, and asked again for the address to which it had been delivered at the Columbia storage warehouse at Columbia avenue and Sixty-seventh street. He added, McNaught says, that he could assure them that Miss Brock was all right.

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The trio then went to the warehouse and explained their errand to Manager Saul, who told them, McNaught says, that he was not surprised at their inquiries, as he had always thought the dealings of the Brock people there had been rather strang, for they had left goods in the name of E. W. Riobinson and the estate of E. W. Riobinson and also in their own name, sometimes changing the various entries about.

While the Trowbridges and the detective were in the warehouse they were somewhat surprised to see Miss Brock walk in. She spoke to Mrs. Trowbridge, saying that she had intended to call at her house, as she had something to tell her, but had not done so and wanted to amak with her now. She and Mrs. Trowbridge falked in the corner for a few minutes. McNaught says, and she told Mrs. Trowbridge that the goods taken from the Trowbridge house had been taken by her younger sister. Fiorence, and were then in the trunk at the warchouse, that trunk which Mr. Trowbridge had seen taken from the kirock house on Monday night. McNaught thought this almost too good to be trunk which Mr. Trowbridge had seen taken from the kirock house on Monday night. McNaught thought this almost too good to be trunk which Mr. Trowbridge had seen taken from her. There were three dinner dresses, an operacloak some petiticats, and strock said that she had been stolen from her.

There were three dinner dresses, an operacloak some petiticats, and since waists, the total valued at \$1.040. Miss brock said that she had been somewhat flustered by the visit of the detectives and that when she learned what her sister had done she threw the articles into the trunk intending to have it delivered to the Trowbridges. McNaught told her that she had told a good deal, or done a good deal for them, and said that now she ought to show them her sans.

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She put out her foot, exhibiting, McNaught says, an Oxford the of the shape and apparent size of the two footprints on the bedspreads. He declared he would have to arrest her then and there, but, after some conversation, said he would come around and see her again. She begged him, he says, to come some time when her fatter was not there, because, she said, when anything like that happened, "paps always brames us. The detective told her he thought that was very strange.

The arrest of toth of the Brock girls followed. Florence told the detective that she had taken the dresses to fix up for a cucus that she expected to have with some of the other children of the heighborhood to-night. She told him that she had also taken three sike dresses and some how from Mrs. Richard Muser, who lives at hid in the same row of houses. She sided that those dresses were in the same trunk with the goods above from Mrs. Travbesign. The trune was faired one, and was flied with dresses, laten to the police station and opened. It was a large one, and was flied with dresses, lates, and tolled articles. Word was sent to Mrs. Remedy in the lace business at 145 Broome sheet, and although she is an invalid, she came to the station house and elemtified as her property all of the articles in

the trunk not belonging to the Trowbridges. There were some very valuable laces, some silk remnants, bandkershiefs, dresses, &c., and the total value of the trunk's contents was estimated by the police at about three thousand-dollars.

The girls were arraigned in Yorkville Court yesterday afternoon and held for the Grand Jury on Mr. Trowbridge's charge. Mrs. Muser at the time refused to make a complaint. According to Cast. Vredenburgh: Magistrate Crane said that he did not want any publicity given to this case. The police thought that very strange. About a o'clock had was furnished for the Misses Brock by the owner of the Hotel Endeont, at Columbus avenue and Eighty-first street, who said that his hotel was worth \$250.000, subject to a heavy mortgage.

At his home last night Mr. Brock said that the whole story was a very simple one. It was nerely a child's missiones, serious enough, but doe wholly to her lack of judgment. His twelvey year-old daughter, Florence, he said, had taken to the december to ding ment in dress were in the dress merch to dress and to fain of the contents of the december of the dress merch to dress and the followed to the foreign and the dress of the followed to the december of the dress merch to dress a serior of any dress to the dress of the dress

ear-old daughter, Florence, he said, had taken he dresses merely to give a sort of fancy dress

when living in Seventy-third street she had given a party to 150 children, and the family often entertains friends, sometimes by fancy dress parties. From this, he said, Fibrence had gained the idea of dressing in costume to disguise herself, and she had taken the dresses from Mrs. Trowbridge for that purpose, and for no other.

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rious names.

When saked how the little girl had come to take so many clothes of Mrs. Muser's also, Mr. Brock replied:

Oh, all those houses open to the roof in the

same way."

He said that the child was incorrigible, and that she had given them a greatdgal of trouble indeed, he said, he had had trouble with all of his eight children, but this little one had given them so much that he had bought a rawhide for her and intended to send her away to some institution where she could be kept under proper restraint until she was 18 or 10 years old.

"All parents know how it is," he aided, "and can sympathize with us. Had we made the discovery that things were sloien from our house covery that things were sloien from our house.

man. The police had not time yesterday to investi-gate further the condition of affairs in the row of houses in which the Trowbridges and the Brocks live, but on inquiry at 341 they learned that a servant of Mrs. Palmer who livel there that a servant of Mrs. Palmer who livel there

these robberies and the implication of the Brock girls in them.
Detective McNaught says that Miss Georgiana Brock told conflicting stories from the time he first talked with her on Monday afternoon until she was brought up to the court yesterday afternoon. Mr. Brock, on the other hand, defends the course of his elder daughter, and insist that all his younger child did was to play the prank of an incorrigible child.
His wife, he says, is so ill that a shock to her might result fatally. She had just undergone an opeation, and is in the care of two doctors. He intimates that there seemed to be on some-body's part a desire to do some blackmalling, and that he could apparently have got along easily by handing out ten or twenty dollars here and there. "You know how it is," he said; "there are various hangers-on around the courts who volunteer their services in the way of keeping a thing out of the newspapers."

g a thing out of the newspapers. He would not particularize any further.

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and they were unanimously adopted:

ELEVATED ROAD EXTENSION.

The Aldermen have taken a step in the rapid

transit business. Alderman Randall presented

for the north side.
Copies of the resolution will be sent to the
Rapid Transit Commissioners.
At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Manhattan Railway Company yesterday further extensions of the system to meet
the demand for rapid transit were referred to a
committee of three, consisting of President
George J. Gould and Directors Russell Sazo and
Robert M. Gallaway. President Gould said
after the meeting:

Robert M. Gailaway. President Gould said after the meeting:

"We desire to do all in our power to give rapid transit facilities to the public, and I have appointed this committee to take the matter up with that purpose in view. We will consider the subject earnestly and will troat with the proper authorities in a fair and progressive sight."

in a Hartford Hotel,

HARTFORD, May 26.-Edward Bethel, the

House stock company, died at the jail this

dly. On April we flethel, while in a drunken frenzy. On April we flethel, while in a drunken frenzy. Fred four shots at his wife. Italias Tyler, a member of W. II. (Trane's commany, at the Hotel flethelm. The fellowing day he was held for trial in June in default of \$5,000 ball.

How to Feel Like a New Man.

the following resolutions to the Board yesterday

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MILLER WHACKS AT PLATT. EVIDENTLY WILL FIGHT HIM AT

THE STATE CONVENTION. Says It's Time to Down a Hoss Who Russ the Legislature by Long-distance Tete.

phone-Aino Impugue Platt's Party Loy. atty and Says a Few More Nice Things. It was the Hon, Warner Miller's turn yester-

day to reply to the Hon. Thomas C. Platt, and he made it very clear that he is ready at the proper time to try to lead the New York Republican delegates to St. Louis over to McKinley. Furthermore, he made it clear that he intends to contest the supremacy of Mr. Platt in the Republican State Convention which is to nominate candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Miller said:

"My attention has been called to a state-ment in the Buffalo Express of Tuesday last, curporting to give my views upon the political situation in the State. I only returned to the city last night, and then saw the Buffalo Express for the first time. The statement is substantially correct, with two or three exceptions. It says that I stated that I was for McKinley. stated that I was for McKinley after Moron. It also says that I stated that one-half or more of the New York delegates would be for McKinley. I did say that one-half of the delegates or more would be for McKinley after Morton. I did say that I considered the attack upon McKinley by some leading Republicans in this State was outrageous, and I repeat that statement.

"Mr. Platt, in the papers of yesterday, re turns to his attack upon McKinley 'as a dan-gerous and misleading candidate.' My opinon regarding McKinley as a candidate and an honorable man has been fully stated by myself, and need not be repeated here. But Mr. Platt adds that 'the organization will make the stoutest light it ever made for the Repub-Hean t'cket this fall.' If McKinley is nominated, it will take all the time from June to November for Mr. Platt to explain to the people of this country why he supports the candidate whom he has denounced as incompetent and not fit for the office of President. He has all the Democratic papers now howling at McKinley and repeating his criticisms of Mc Kinley. The principal campaign documents of the Democratic party will be the publication The principal campaign documents

can sympathize with us. Had we made the discovery that things were stolen from our house and learned that a little child of a reighbor had taken them, we should have merely gone to her parents and said to them plainly it was a case for the whip. It is not a case for the courts. "The Magistrate took this view of it, and the moment he saw the child he said so; but he was obliged to hold both girls because the complaint was made and sworn to. The Gerry agent, by the way, made himself very officious. As soon as he found that the girl was only 12 years old he wanted to take full charge and appear as a big man." of the denunciations already made by Mr. Platt against McKinley. "Mr. Platt, in his criticism of my course as set forth in my interview of the 15th, says hat I was the first to pronounce for Mr. Morton at the Depew dinner. This statement by Mr. Platt demands that I should state some things which transpired at the meeting and previous to it. It matters not whether I was the first to pronounce for Mr. Morton at that dinner or not. The fact is that two or three other gentlemen spoke in favor of the candidacy of Gov. Morton before I gave any expression to my views. Further, a short time before going to that dinner I met Mr. Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where we were both living. I said to him that it had been reported to me that if the meeting decided to make a candidate of Mr. Morton we would be expected to give a piedge to vote for Mr. Morton first, last, and always, whether there was any hope of nominating him or not, and I said that I would give no such piedge that I would support Mr. Morton squarely and honestly so long as there was any possibility or probability of his nemination, but after that I would take such action as I thought best in my judgment, and Mr. Platt in most emphatic terms agreed with me in the matter.

"Now he insignates that by my saying that by Mr. Platt demands that I should state that a servant of Mrs. Palmer who lived there reported a fifty-cent pin as missing. Forence Brock volunteered the information that she had taken seven Punch and Judy dolls from somebody, and that her brother Harry had put them up a chimney, where they still were.

McNaught and his partner, Henry Lang, say that other arrests may be expected. The Brock Commercial Agency's office, which for a number of years was in the Bretel building, is now in the Shoe and Leather Bank building, is now in the Shoe and Leather Bank building, Mr. Hrock said that all the bankers in the city had done business with him for twenty years.

The dresses stolen from Mrs. Trowbridge were made by Worth and Felix. All of the goods taken from Mrs. Muser were stolen between last Thursday and yesterday. The police make no reservations in telling the stery of these robberies and the implication at the Brock girls in them.

Dated the McNaught says that Miss Georgiana. the matter.
"Now he insinuates that by my saying that McKinley is my second choice I am violating my piedge to support Gov. Morton. I will let the Republican party of the State judge

my piedge to support Gov. Morton. I will let the Republican party of the State judge as to that.

"Furthermore, no such pledge was made by anybody at the meeting, although it was singgested by one gentleman that such an assurance should be given to Gov. Morton."

"It is a well-known fact among all people who have taken the pains to be informed upon this matter that Mr. Platt has always contemplated the possibility of being compreled to take some other candidate than Mr. Morton. During the past few months whenever the candidacy of Gov. Morton has been discussed it has been admitted that it would, be impossible to secure enough delegates outside of the State to nominate him at the beginning, and that the only possible hope or chance of nominating him was that if there came a deadlock in the Convention. New York could secure enough votes from those who supported other candidaces to make his nomination possible. Under these circumments of the state of the state of the state to make his nomination possible. Under these circumments are supported of the state of the state to make his nomination possible. Under these circumments are supported of the state of the state to make his nomination possible. Under these circumments are supported of the state of the state to make his nomination possible. Under these circumments are supported to the state of the state to make his nomination possible. Under these circumments are supported to the state of the state to make his not the state of t

nomination possible. Under these circumstances i submit that no rigend of Gov. Morton's candidacy would attack any other candidate, thereby rendering it impossible in the case of a deadlock for the to the control of the disease from New York was to treat every other candidate with coursesy and fairness. for in no other way could we hope for any consideration from them. Mr. Platt, by his vicuous attacked, the true policy of the disease from New York was to treat every other candidate with coursely and fairness. for in no other way could we hope for any consideration from them. Mr. Platt by his vicuous attacks upon Mckinier, has made it absolutely impossible under any circumstances for any of the friends of Mckiniery in the Convention to come to the support of Morton, and the's propose of the attacks upon Major Mckiniery by Mr. Platt? This is a question which ought to be answered in the negative, as I am sure Gov. Morton can thus answer it.

"Mr. Platt talks a great deal about the regular organization and what it would do, as though he were the organization. There is not one Republican organization in this State. Let us see what that is and how it is made includes every. The transport of the state Convention, and these County and Assembly Conventions elect delegates to County and Assembly Conventions elect delegates to a State Convention, and these County and Assembly Conventions elect delegates to a State Convention, and these County and Assembly Conventions elect delegates to a State Convention, and these County and Assembly Conventions elect delegates to a State Convention from each County and Assembly Conventions elect delegates to a State Committee from the representative Congress districts. This is the way in which the organization is made up, and no man should be able to say that he convention, the party of the State Committee the wishes of the masses of the State Committee the wishes of the control of the County of the Republicans of the State Committee the wishes of the control of the County of the Repub and they were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Appellate Term of the Supreme Court has very commendably refused to confirm the unjust report of the Rapid Transit Commissioners; and

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen recognize the fact that said Rapid Transit Commissioners have in their last report failed to provide any means of rapid transit for the great horth side of the city of New York (which is in area twice the size of the city below the Harlem, and therefore the territory mostly in need of rapid transit for the great horth side of the city of New York (which is a see a twice the size of the city below the Harlem, and therefore the territory mostly in need of rapid transit formmissioners for future consideration the extension of the Manhattan Railroad at three points, viz.; One in West Farms, West-chester, and city line, from 142d street; one from Tremont avenue to Fordham, Williamsbridge, and Woodisawn; and one from West 133th street to Washington Heights and Rimssbridge, and Woodiswn; and one from West 13dh street to Washington Heights and Rimssbridge; also a continuous passage, without change of cars, from Battery to the city line, on aforementioned lines, for one fare of — cents; and be it further

Resolved, That the said Commissioners also consider favorably the system of the New York candidated for the north side.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Rapid Transit Commissioners.

proper authorities in a fair and progressive spirit."

Mr. Sage said that at the recent conference held by Mr. Gould and himself with Mayor strong the Mayor told them that there were several persons with whom he wished o confer before expressing an opinion on the pians submitted to him. Mr. Sage understood that the Mayor would send for Mr. Gould and himself when he was ready for further discussion. Mr. Sage said that he learned after yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee that the Mayor was expecting to hear from him again and that he had sont the Mayor and saking him to fix the time for a conference with the newly appointed committee. Mr. Sage laid great stress on the importance of a definite ascertainment of the damages that would have to be paid to abutting property owners if further certainment of the damages that would have to be paid to abutting property owners if further extensions should be built.

Rapid Transit Commissioner John H. Inman and that the Commission of which he is a member has sole power to grant such privileges to the Manhattan Railway Company, and that it would be very glad to meet the committee, which be said be thought a good one. The committee is not electhed with authority to bind the Manhattan Railway Company by any agreement with the Commission, but it is instructed to report back to the Executive Committee. ACTOR EDWARD BETHEL DEAD He Recently Fired Four Shots at His Wife

actor and member of the Boston Grand Opera House stora company, died at the fait this morning of cerebro-spinal meningitis. He was examined as to his sanity a few days ago by fir. Graham M. Hamilton of New York and Dr. Harry P. Siearna of this city. They found him sane. Four days ago bronchitis and cerebro-spinal meningitis developed and he failed rap-

through without any consideration for the wishes of the people or the probable effect upon the future of the party. If this is to continue longer, the Republican party will as certainly be beaten as section day comes round. What the gemblicans of this State demand is that the organization through its committee shall be therotighly representative of a majority of the party, and for this a contest will be made in the coming campaign. If Mr. Platt desires the surcess of his party ever and above everything eige, he will be heartly in accord with these sentiments.

"He talks about himself and the organization as never having bosted, and seems to infer that myself and my friends are the ones who make the trouble and do the bolting. Let's have a little history on that. In the famous Folger campaign, Mr. Platt exerted all his power to defeat the remoination of Jove Cornell and secured the nomination of Jove Cornell and secured the nomination of Jove Heren in the Davenport campaign, and if Mr. Hackett, who was then a friend of Davenport and one of his managers, is nuwilling to repeat what he said to me concerning Mr. Platt's course in that campaign, let us go to Mr. Davenport himself and ask him as to the support Mr. Platt gave him. It is unnecessary to go further in this matter, but Mr. Platt, with his record, must not charge mis with ever having been disloyal to the party or having labored to defeat it.

"There can be peace and harmony in the party if everybedy is willing that the wishes of all Republicans shall be fairly and honestly expressed at the primaries and at the conventions, and then everylondy will accent the result and alpide by it, and to this end it and the nation?" I call upon all the Republicans of the State of New York, who love their party ard are jealous of their State's position and influence in the nation?"

COLLEGE SENT HOME TO DRY.

The Girls Got Drenched in the Morning "Examinations and the vagaries of May are bad enough separately." said a Normal College

girl yesterday. "but the two combined are enough to unset anybody." A year ago, while the seniors were at work on their final papers, a deep darkness settled down on New York at noonday, compelling them to suspend writing.

Yesterday, about half past S in the morning. when most of the 900 girls who were to be examined for graduation and promotion were on their way to the college, the rain came down it torrents. Those who were walking ocross the Park were drenched, and even those who the Park were drenched, and even those who had to run only from the Sixty-seventh street station of the Third avenue elevated road or from Madison avenue were anything but dry at the end of the spurt. One young weman who had gone up on a bleyels was a world sight to behold, while a hundred others were demonstrations of the fact that the shirt waist has its disadvantages. So great was the havec that not a girl was heard complaining that her hair was out of curl, though it was very excepsively. The jaultor's family lent their wardrobe as far as it would go, but the demand was greatly in excess of the supply.

Under ordinary circumstances the students with wet feet and wet skirts would have been sent home at once, but on account of the exam-

with wet feet and wet skirts would have been sent home at once, but on account of the orannmation not a girl seemed to think of going. As soon as the college assembled in the chapel at 9 o'clock President Hunter ordered all who were wet to walk about the building until the janitor could start up the furnaces. It soon became evident, however, that that would take a long time, and the President dismissed the college to get dry. He put off the examination to Friday, All are examined at the same time and by the same printed papers.

"Just my luck," said a senior as she passed out. "I know the whole History of Education this morning, Comenics, Festalozzi, Froebel, and all the rest of them, and I don't believe I'll know the one from the other by Friday."

NEW WONDERS OF ELECTRICITY. Edison and Tesis About to Astonish the World with Breant Discoveries,

Working on different lines Thomas A. Edison has according to the Electrical Review, succeeded in developing a new kind of electric lamp or vacuum tube, by means of which the Roentgen X rays are turned into pure, white light. Edison's new lamp is an ordinary Crookes tube, coated on the interior surface with crystals of a new finorescing substance, which he has discovered, similar to tungatate of calcium, The X rays, in passing through this coating of crystals, are changed to light. Very little heat is generated, and nearly the whole of the electrical energy expended is transformed into light.

light.

The new lamp is used in place of the Crookes tube with the ordinary X ray appasatus. Mr. Edison believes that there are great possibilities in his discovery, and he is now at work getting his apparains into commercial form. He expects that before long he will so develop it that it may be used with high economy on an ordinary incandescent circuit. The Electrical Review says editorially:

Review cays editorially:
"We cannot hesitate to express our positive conviction that the introduction of a more perfect illuminant is near at hand."

ESCAPED FROM ELLIS ISLAND. Irving Was Jenious of Him.

Information was received at Police Headquarters in Jersey City last evening that a lunatic had escaped from Ellis Island. About 9 P. M. Policeman Kelly saw a scantily dressed man at Mercer and Monmouth streets surrounded by a large crowd, and amusing them giving recetations and doing song-and-dance acts. The man proved to be the escaped lunatic. At the Gregory street police station he gave his name as Percy Smith. He said he was 18 years old, and lived at 57 Romford row, London, Smith was attired in an undershirt and a dirty pair of trousers which had once been white. He told Sergeant Buffy he was an actor, and proceeded to prove it by giving a recitation. He said he had heen the leading man in Sir Augustus Harris's company, and that Henry-Irving was lealons of him.

"I can bex a bit, too," he exclaimed, as he threw himself into a pugilistic attitude and began to make passes at Policeman Kelly.

Smith then gave an exhibition of fencing, did a song and dance, and wound up by standing on his head. He said he escaped from Ellis bland by Jounping through a wire screen and swimming to a beat. He had to knock down two Dutchmen and a Frem himse, be said, before he reached the water. Smith was locked up and controlly. At the Gregory street police station he gave his

MR. KELLT HELD THE HOLE. While He Was in the Electric Light Men. Couldn't Plant Their Pole,

Men employed by the Jersey City Electric Light Company began to dig a hole yesterday morning at Jersey avenue and First street for the purpose of planting a pole. Martin Kelly, a salonn keeper, owns a dat on the corner, and when he heard of it he harried from his saloon on the next corner and ordered the men to desist. They smiled at aim and kept on digging, Then he pushed the men aside and jumped into

Then he pushed the men aside and jumped into the hole.

"Now dig me out if you can," he said, as he settled himself down for a size.

The ishorers then adopted working. John Anderson, who is superintending the work was sent for, but he could not persuade Kelly to hudge. A big crossil sathered around and enloyed the fun. Herreshments were brought to kelly from his senout, and every time he drank a giase of beer the crowd cheered. Kelly held the fort from 11 A. M. until 3130 P. M. and then Superintendent Anderson sent for Police Captain kelly of the seventh street statios. The Captain kelly of the seventh street statios. The Captain kelly of the sevent his pole because it was for city lighting marposes, and Mr. Kelly not only surrendered gracefully, but signed a permit to have the pole but up.

Linen Elastic Stochlags, 80 Each. Anklets and knee caps. \$1.75. clik clastic stockings, anklets, and knee caps at lowest prices; also made to order without extra charge. Ether's sanitary part for latio, use, for box liker's, 6th av., corner field at Adm.

KILLED ON THE ELEVATED.

INO MEN RUN OFER AT EIGHTH AVENUE AND 133TH STREET.

A Ticket Chapper Meets His Beath in Trying to have a Drunken Man-While Struggling, Both Fall to the Track-The Drunken Man's Arm Cut Off.

As an elevated railroad train sped up to the platform at the station at 135th street and Eighth avenue at 8:20 o'dlock last night two men fell together from the platform upon the track right in front of the engine, and in the next moment both of them were mangled under the wheels. One was killed, and the other lost

his right arm.

The man who was killed was Joseph Hall, s ticket chopper employed at that station. The other was Andrew Daly, a laborer, of 207 West Twentieth street. Daiy was drunk, and Hall tried to get him out of a place of danger, and it

was in doing this that he lost his life. Daly had started up town a little while before the accident, on a Sixth avenue train. He got on at Forty-second street and took a seat opposite a Miss Terry of 45 Seventh, avenue. Every one in the car could see by his actions that he had been drinking too much. He took a drunken fancy to Miss Terry and annoyed her by staring at her, and also by remarks that he made. At 116th street he left his seat and took one that had just been vacated right beside Miss Terry. Miss Terry arose and left the car, going into one in the rear of it. At 195th street she got out. As she left the car the guard at that gate, who had seen her movements, asked as she went

"Did that man insult you?"

"Yes, he did," she replied. The guard thereupon got a companion from the next car, and at 135th street they forced

Daly to leave the train. After the train had passed Daly staggered about the platform, and finally stopped at a pillar near the tracks and leaned up against it.

Hall had been watching him, and seeing that he was in danger of lurching over upon the tracks at any moment, went over to him. A Sixth avenue train was just coming into the

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"Here," said Hall, "come out of this," He caught Daly by the arm or colinar and tried to draw him toward the back of the platform, I say cluing to the post. Hall took a firmer hold and gave a stronger pull. He weighed perhaps only 130 pounds, while Daly weighed about 180 pounds, Daly lurched away from Hail and the force of this threw him off the platform and dragged Hall with him.

The approaching engine was within a few feet of them as they struck the track. Daly fell beyond the outer rail, but with his right arm across that:

Hail fell right the wheels passed over both men, cutting off both of Hail's arms and both of his less, and cutting Daly's right arm off near the shoulder.

The engineer, Henry Manley of 238 West 137th street, had shut off the steam and put on the brakes the moment he saw the men fall, and the checked engine came to a standstill over Hail's body, which became jammed between the ties and the ash pan of the engine, while a wrecking train arrived in a little while, but it was thirty-five minutes before the deal ticket chopper's body could be released. He sides lifting the engine, two ties had to be cut out to do this.

The police arrested Engineer Manley and Conductor Alexander Heaton of its West Thirty-fifth street and lecked them up in the West 1705 thereet and lecked them up in the West 1705 the street and lecked them up in the West 1705 the street and lecked them up in the West 1705 the street station. They will be arrained in the Hariem Court this morning.

Hall was an extra man who had only been at work on the read about two months, and none of his maters at the station knew where he lived or whether he was single or married. He was about 28 years old.

TRADE CROWDS ANOTHER CHURCH.

A Report that the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church is About to Be Sold,

It is understood that the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, at Fourth avenue and Twen ty-second street, is likely to come into the real estate market at an early date, and that it is to be torn down to give way to a large building occupying that and an adjoining site. It is said that the trustees have recently refused an offer of \$550,000, which would make the rate about \$49 a square foot. It is stated on the authority of George W. Lithgow, one of the trustees, that the Board was advised against the acceptance of the offer owing to the rapidly increasing rate of values in that locality, and the hope is enter-tained that \$1,000,000 will be realized at an

tained that \$1,000,000 will be realized at an early day.

It is also reported that a syndicate is trying to secure the entire frontage on the west side of Fourth avenue between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, now occupied by the Young Men's Christian Association building on the Twenty-third street curner and the church on the Twenty-third street curner and the church on the Twenty-second street corner, with the intention of putting up a huge building, to be devoted to mercantile and office uses, and containing suitable quarters for the accommodation of the Young Men's Christian Association, whose requirements have outgrown the present building, which was constructed about twenty-five years ago.

THE CYRUS W. FIELD HOUSE SOLD.

the Site of It and the D. D. Field Manston. The mansion so long the home of the late Cyrus W. Field, at 123 East Twentieth street, on the northeast corner of Lexington avenue, has, it is understood, just been sold. The price naid has not been announced. The house was transferred by Mr. Field to his daughter, Mrs. leabel Field Judson, in 1891, in consideration of \$120,000. There were rumors at the time of the financial reverses of Mr. Field, just previous to his death, which were largely the result of

to his death, which were largely the result of his son's irregularities, that a large smount of securities belonging to Mrs. Judson, and which were in the keeping of her father, were among the valuable papers which mysteriously disappeared from his box in a safe deposit vault. In order to make some return to his daughter for her loss. Mr. Field caused the transfer to her of this house.

For many years the two brothers, Cyrus W. and David budley Field, occupied adjoining houses. It is now reported that these houses are to be form down and a large apartment house erected on the steer shey now occupy. It was in the Cyrus W. Field house that the agreement between the promoters of the first Atlantic cable was signed in 1854.

BLEEPER PROST IS WAKING UP. Last Evening He Opened His Eyes, Waved His Arms, and Tried to Speak,

Moritz Front, the cataleptic, who is at the Beth Israel Hospital in East Broadway, showed for the first time last night evidences of returnfor the first time last night evidences of returning consciousness. At about 7 o'clock, when Dr.
Nelson was in the room, Front opened his eyes
and looked at the dector, making an effort apparently to speak. His lips moved. He also
moved his arms and hands.

Br. Nelson placed him in an upright position
and Pront kept his eyes open for about an hour.
The dector said that he had little denot that
Pront's sleep was about over said that to-day he
would return to full consciousness.

To Tax Bicyclists 51 a Year,

Alderman Goets presented to the Board yes terday a resolution to compel every owner and rider of a bleycle to take out a permit, at the cont of \$1 a year. It was sent up to the clerk. but wasn't read, the adjournment coming too soon. It was referred to the Law Committee, and a public hearing will probably be held in soon. It was referred to the Law Committee, and a public hearing will probably be held in the near future.

Adderman Woodward offered a resolution, which was referred to the Law Committee, to permit breycless to ride on the west sidewalk of kingshridge road above 1926 street, and on the west sidewalk of Boulevard Lafayette.

Pire at Hackett, Carbart & Co.'s. A fire last night in the basement of Hackett 'arhart & Co.'s building, at Broadway and

anal street, burned holes in the floor of the main salescoom, but otherwise was confined to the basement. Mr. Hackett was unable to estimate the loss. Chief Bonner put it at less than \$10,000.

Decoration Day, Trips free, beautiful Ask Brook station, Lenigh Valley. Tickets, J. C. Davis & Co., 149 Speedway.

OVER FIFTY LIVES LOST.

A Street Car Falls 75 Feet Through Bridge The Victims Drowned

VICTORIA, B. C., May 20. An electric car fell through Point Ellice Bridge at 2 o'clock this afternoon. There were eighty persons aboard, and fifty or sixty were drowned. The car was taking the passengers to view the sham battle at Macauley Point in celebration of the Queen's birthday. It fell seventy-five feet.

The accident occurred on the Consolidated Railway Company's line. The car was loaded to the roof with pleasure seekers. Not a quar ter of the passengers were saved. The work of recovering the bodies is now going on, but is greatly retarded by the fact that the debris from the bridge has buried the fated car with ts many occupants in twenty-five feet of water.

The car floated for a moment and then was arried down by the weight of the metal work attached to it. Those inside were unable to scape, and were drowned like rate in a trap. Some of those on the outside escaped by swim ming, but many, stunned by the fall or unable to swim, were drowned. It is difficult to learn

who was on the car when it took the fatal plunge, and it is equally difficult to learn how many escaped. It will probably be several days before the real

extent of the disaster can be learned. As soon as possible the work of recovering the bodies was begun and is now being pushed vigorously.

SEIZED AN AMERICAN VESSEL. The Gloucester Schooner Gerring Taken to Hallfax.

HALIFAX, May 26. - A despatch from Liscomb, N. S., says that the Canadian Government cruiser Aberdeen seized the Gloucester fishing schooner Frederick Gerring, Jr., off there yes terday, near White Island, for taking mackerel inside the three-mile limit, and took her in tow for Halifax. They arrived here to-night.

The Gerring was caught red-handed, and the Aberdeen sent an armed boat's crew in charge of an officer aboard the schooner and seized the vessel for violating the fishery treaty between the United States and Canada. The Gerring was built at Essex. Mass., in 1870 and halls from Gloucester, the registered owner being Edward Morris.

The Aberdeen has been following the fishing fleet eastward for several days in company with the cruiser Curiew. There are ninety-three American vessels engaged in mackerel fishing this year off the coast, the largest fleet in years.

STRONG SAYS WE'LL GET GILMAN. Predicts His Election as Superintendent of New York Schools,

Mayor Strong said yesterday of the proposed election of President Daniel Colt Gilman of Johns Hopkins University to be superintendent of New York city schools that he has reason to believe that not only will Prof. Gilman be chosen, but that he will accept the tender of the place not withstanding the effort of the fac-

ilty of the university to keep him. It was said vesterday that some of the men appointed school inspectors by Mayor Strong will refuse to qualify. They are men who were trustees under the old law, and resent the attacks which were made on them by the pro noters of the present law. The trustees were charged generally with inefficiency by the friends of the reform measure, and those who were appointed by the Mayor to be inspectors are said to be unable to understand how that makes them more efficient.

A LUNATIC'S SHOTS IN THE STREET.

He Wounds One Man and Pires at Two Others, One a Cop, Without Effect. Edward Berg, a Finnish cattleman, while

emporarily insane yesterday, shot Frank Dunnen, a negro cattleman, in Greenwich street, and tried to shoot Frank Heggers, also a cattle man, while on their way to the steamer Bovic, on which was the cattle they were to take to Europe. Berg, who was in the rear of his half dozen companions, began firing. Europe. Herg, who was in the rear of his hair dozen companions, began firing.

After bringing down Dunnen, who was nearest to him, with a shot in the back, he ran toward the others, flourishing his revolver over his head. He ran past them toward the boarding house at 12 Greenwich street, at which they had

policeman whom the noise of the snots had at-tracted. He was finally overtaken and arrested, after astruggle, with the aid of two other po-licemen. He was taken to the Centre Street Court and held to await the results of Dunnen's injuries, which are serieus. FROLICSOME ALDERMEN.

They Feel the Merry Indusaces of May Just Like Common Mortals,

The pleasant days of spring make the city's Aldermen as skittish as young colts, and with the didoes they play and the ball games, races, and parades they must attend there is very little time for business. In the earlier part of yesterday's session three of the Aldermen, one a Republican, one a Democrat, and one an opportupublican, one a remocrat, and one an opportunist, amused themselves by putting waste-paper baskets on each other's heads and alamming each other on the back with them, while the rest of the Aldermen looked on and laughed at the humor of it. Then when they had tired of this the Demecratic Alderman worked off his excess of spirits by throwing wads of biotting paper at his fellow members, the cierks, and reporters.

Mr. Ladew's Mervant Brought Here o State Board Authority. The Health Board conflict over the case o

diphtheria at Edward R. Ladew's country resi dence, Elsinore, at Gien Cove, L. I., was settled last night by the Oyster Bay Board of Health giving way to the New York Health Board, after the State Board of Health had interfered Yesterday Health Commissioner Fowler visited Glen Cove with the State Board's authority, and that settled the matter. The New York Health Board's boat, the Edson, steamed up to clen Cove last night, and the diphtheria pations was carried aboard and brought to this city, being taken to the Willard-Parker Hospital in an ambulance. The patient was a servant girl in Mr. Ladew's employ.

\$300,000 Fire at Descropto, Out.

DESERONTO, Out., May 2d .- Fire last night de stroyed two-thirds of the east end of this town. and nearly a hundred families are homeless The Hathbun Company's big flour mill, bran and storehouse, the elevator connected with the mill, the shingle docks, and the tie and lumber docks of the Ceder Mill, the Roman Catholic church, and about one hundred dwelling houses were burned. Most of the houses were occupied by workmen. The loss will exceed \$300,000.

CINCINNATI, May 26.—By mutual agreemen mong the stockholders of both papers, the commercial Gazette and the Cincinnati Tribuna the two Republican morning dailies of this city, will be consolidated on June 1. The new paper will be known as the Commercial-Tribune, and will be Republican in politica.

W. H. Ellis, the present editor-in-chief of the Trainne, will be the chief of the editorial despartment.

Bishop Niles Injured.

CONCORD, N. H., May 26.-The Right Rev. Hishop W. W. Niles was thrown from his ear-riage in Pittefield last evening, striking on his head and shoulders on the hard concrete side-walk. He was picked up unconscious and re-mained in that condition for several hours. He is better to-day.

Seven Babics at One Birth. OTTAWA LARS, Mich., May 2d.-Three weeks ago, at Fisher's Corners, near here, Mrs. Charles Comstock gave birth to seves children. All are now living but one, and the mother and six children are doing well. There were four girls

Ningara Palls and Return \$7.50.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

THE LEGAL BAITLE FOR HER LIFE BEGUN IN EARNEST.

MRS. FLEMING'S ORDEAL ON

With the Opening of the Case for the Prosecution She for the First Time Manifests Interest in the Proceedings-Six Witnesses Examined Several of Them Described the Beath of Mrs. Bliss, Mer

Mother, for Whose Murder She Is on Trial So atroclous is the crime charged that it was nly after we had examined all the evidence carefully and step by step that there came to us the abiding conviction of her guilt."

When Assistant District Attorney Seaman Miller spoke these words yesterday in a low voice, but with impressive manner, Mary Alice Almont Livingston Fleming, for the first time since she has made her daily appearance before Recorder Goff on trial for the murder of her mother, ceased acting. Her four attorneys were, as usual, grouped about her, but they were impersonally interested in the opening speech of Mr. Miller, and none of them observed her as she turned slowly, and with something of fright in her manner, until her gaze met that of her sister. Somehow it seemed as if the speaker's words had forced upon her for the first time a complete realization of her posi-tion, and with that realization came a sudden natural demand for sympathy, and she turned, not to any of her paid advisers, but to the one member of her family who is supporting her

with her presence during this trial. Mrs. Fleming has been described in a score of reports of her trial as an accomplished actress. but then a score of men who have written other things than reports of criminal trials have trenuously asserted that all women are actresses, and possibly Mrs. Fleming is exercising nly a universal characteristic of her sex in her almost constant endeavor to appear indifferent to her tragic surroundings. The conditions in the court room where she has been tried were not favorable yesterday morning to a calm and collected assumption of a part. There was a decided atmosphere of nervousness and excitement all the more noticeable because of the

many manifest efforts to suppress evidence of it. When the court crier with his monotonous Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!" had concluded with his diminuendo "Draw near and ye shall be heard" the room was painfully quiet. The defendant followed the Recorder into the room. her mourning garb lightened for once by a little bunch of lilies of the valley pinned below her black collar. She quietly greeted her halfsister, Florence Bliss, and shook hands a little nervously with three of her attorneys, Messra. Shaw, Nathan, and Okie; her nervousness, re-suiting from a score of causes probably showed itself most, however, when she noted the absence of her senior counsel, Mr. Brooke. That gentleman is invariably late and there was an awkward pause waiting for his appearance, the Recorder abandoning his usual rule of proceed-ing without the tardy Mr. Brooke, prompted thereto, it seemed, by a wish that no single proceeding should be ordered under circumstances which should be made to appear prejudicial to the defendant. Mr. McIntyre was walking up and down softly on the carpeted enclosure between the bar and the bench. Dr. O'Suilivan sent for a volume of the Code, which he did not open when he received it, and Mr. Miller sat motionless studying the manuscript of his opening address.

MIG. PLEMING EYES THE JURY.

The court officers were fussing around the room in tip-toe agitation, and during all the twenty minutes walt before Mr. Miller began, the defendant, after her first greeting of her sister and counsel, sat speechless, her brown eyes darting furtively from jury to court, to the prosing counsel, and to the three great tables surrounded by newspaper reporters and lilustrators.

Considerable progress in the actual trial of the

case was made during the day. After the opening for the people six witnesses were examined, and the story of the death of Mrs. Hiss was told by the one friend who was present at the death and by other witnesses, by women attached to the been staying.

When Heggers tried to stop him Berg fired at Heggers, but didn't hit him. He continued his property in the strength of the stre physician. The testimony of this last witness Dr. Bullman, although only just begun when court adjourned, produced the sensation of the day. He was the first witness to be examined by Dr. O'sullivan, who is associated with the District Attorney in the prosecution of Mrs. Fleming. Almost at the outset of his examination Dr. O'Sullivan brought on a lively conflict with his offtime colleague, Charles Brooke, and scored a victory under circumstances which had a visibly depressing effect upon the defence. All through the examination of the witnesses of the death of Mrs. Bliss there was a careful avoidance of the repetition of any language used by any of the witnesses or by Mrs. Biles. This frequently necessitated the question: "If anything was said to you, what did you do in consequence of what was said?" But when Dr. O'Sullivan had Witness Bullman under examination he boidly asked at a certain point: "What did Mrs. Bliss say to you?" Mr. Brooke was up in arms in an instant, and a lively set-to ensued, wherein Dr. O'Sullivan showed that he was something more than a student of medical jurisprudence by springing a fine point of law opportunely and effectively. The day's session adjourned just as the decision of the Court was rendered in favor of Ma.

O'Sullivan. THE OPENING FOR THE PROSECUTION.

Mr. Miller's opening was in many of its features much in the character of a summing up; he lectured the jury upon the solemnity of their duties and obligations, and warned them against the winning wiles of the senior counsel for the defence. He began by commenting upon the fact that accres of talesmen had disupon the fact that acures of talesmen had dis-qualified themselves as jurors in the case by asserting an inability to find a verdict of guilty in a murder case upon circumstantial evidence. Buch men, said Mr. Miller, in effect admitted that they repudiated the haws of the State. He read from some writer on circumstantial evi-dence the familiar statement that in criminal cases it is, from the nature of crime, the very best evidence, and then admitted that the people would depend upon that character of evidence in the prosecution of this present case, After an introduction of considerable length, Mr. Miller took up the story of the defendant's life.

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She was born," said he "in 1860 or 1861, when her mother was the wife of Robert swith Livingston, a descendant of the first Lord of the Manor Livingston. In 1867 Mr. Livingston died, leaving a will by which he devised to his widow a life interest in his estate, and which provided that at his widow's demise a certain pertion of the estate should go to Mary Alice Alment Livingston, the defendant. In 1866 defendants mother married a merchapt of this city named Henry H. Bliss, and the defendant remained a member of her mother's household. In 1870 a certain portion of the land belonging to the Livingston estate was sold, and of the proceeds of that asle about \$70,900 was placed in the hands of the City Chamberlain in trust for the defendant until her mother's death. In 1873 snother portion of the Livingston estate was sold, and again a portion of the proceeds were deposited with the City Chamberlain for the benefit of the defendant. In seach of these sales Mrs. Hilss, the defendant is mother, received the gross sum of her interest in the proceeds instead of the income derived therefrom as she was permitted to do by election under the will on her first husband. The two sums deposited with the City Chamberlain, with added yearly accumulations amounted at tha time of the death of Mrs. Bliss to about \$32,000. In 1873 Mrs. Bliss lead through unfortunate investment all these she had received from the Livingston estate, and then with her husband, Mrs. Bliss, and her daughter. Mary Alice, moved to Toms. River, where also had property inherited from hey mother, but this property was mismanaged, and prior to 1863 had all been heat to Mrs. Bliss and prior to 1863 had all been heat to Mrs. Bliss and the mather, but his property was mismanaged, and prior to 1863 had all been heat to Mrs. Bliss and the mather.

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